Psychiatric Inpatient Readmissions

Description

For members 18 years of age and older, the number of acute inpatient psychiatric stays during the measurement year that were followed by an acute readmission for a psychiatric diagnosis within 30 days. Data are reported in the following categories:

1. Count of Index Hospital Stays (IHS) (denominator).
2. Count of 30-Day Readmissions (numerator).

Note: *Only members 18–64 years of age are reported.*

Definitions

IHS	Index hospital stay. An acute psychiatric inpatient stay with a discharge on or between January 1 and December 1 of the measurement year. Include stays that meet the inclusion criteria in the denominator section.
Index Admission Date	The IHS admission date.
Index Discharge Date	The IHS discharge date. The index discharge date must occur on or between January 1 and December 1 of the measurement year.
Index Readmission Stay	An acute psychiatric inpatient stay for a psychiatric primary diagnosis with an admission date within 30 days of a previous Index Discharge Date.
Index Readmission Date	The admission date associated with the Index Readmission Stay.
Classification Period	365 days prior to and including an Index Discharge Date.

Eligible Population

Ages	Age 18-64 as of the Index Discharge Date
Continuous enrollment	365 days prior to the Index Discharge Date through 30 days after the Index Discharge Date.
Allowable gap	No more than one gap in enrollment of up to 45 days during the 365 days prior to the Index Discharge Date and no gap during the 30 days following the Index Discharge date.
Anchor date	Index Discharge Date.
Event/ diagnosis	An acute inpatient discharge on or between January 1 and December 1 of the measurement year.
	The denominator for this measure is based on discharges, not members. Include all acute inpatient discharges for members who had one or more discharges on or between January 1 and December 1 of the measurement year.
	Use the steps below to identify acute inpatient psychiatric stays.

Administrative Specification

Denominator The eligible population.

Step 1 Identify all acute inpatient psychiatric stays with a discharge date on or between January 1 and December 1 of the measurement year.

Include acute admissions to behavioral healthcare facilities and other acute admissions associated with a primary psychiatric diagnosis, as identified in Table 1 below. Exclude nonacute inpatient rehabilitation services, including nonacute inpatient stays at rehabilitation facilities.

Step 2 *Acute-to–acute transfers:* Keep the original admission date as the Index Admission Date, but use the transfer's discharge date as the Index Discharge Date.

Step 3 Exclude hospital stays where the Index Admission Date is the same as the Index Discharge Date.

Step 4 Exclude stays with discharges for death from the observation set.

Step 5 Calculate continuous enrollment and determine whether observation meets continuous enrollment criteria.

Eligible Acute Inpatient Psychiatric Events

Table PCR-A: Diagnosis Codes to Identify Eligible Acute Inpatient Psychiatric Events
Note: Use All Valid Codes at the 4th and 5th digit level under the top-level codes specified below

Top Level 3-Digit ICD-9-CM Code	Description
294	Persistent mental disorders due to conditions classified elsewhere
295	Schizophrenic disorders
296	Episodic mood disorders
297	Delusional disorders
298	Other nonorganic psychoses
300	Anxiety, dissociative and somatoform disorders
301	Personality disorders
306	Physiological malfunction arising from mental disorders
307	Special symptoms or syndromes, not elsewhere classified
308	Acute reaction to stress
309	Adjustment reaction
311	Depressive disorder, not elsewhere classified
312	Disturbance of conduct, not elsewhere classified
314	Hyperkinetic syndrome of childhood